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Extension Service County Agent Work

PLAN OF WORK

1947

Negro County Agricultural Agents

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County	Waller
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Negro Cour	ity Agricultural Agent

Send one copy of this Plan of Work

by December 16, 1946, to your

District Agent

Prairie View, Texas

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Agricultural mBackground

Waller County is situated in Southeast Tesas, bordered by Grimes, Washington, Austin, Fort Bend, Harris and Montgomery Counties. The Brazos River forms the western boundary. Waller County created from Austin and Grimes Counties 1873 and organized the same year. It was named for Edwin Waller, Signer of Texas Declaration of Independence.

Sandy loams, heavy clay soils are predominate on uplands, rich alluvial in bottoms, some waxy in center county. Timber includes post oak, pine, cottonwood, live eak, sycamore, ash and elm. Mineral include oil, gas sand, gfavel and brick clay. The principle crops are cotton, peanuts, grain sorghum, corn, rice, irish and sweet potatoes amd hay. Truck watermelons are commercial crops. Feed and rice crops are expanding with cotton reduction. Beef cattle, hogs, sheep are raided for market. Dairying is limited to county needs. Poultry industry is expanding. There are approximately one hundred eighty farms owned by Negroes and statistics show 558 Negro farmers operating farms. Hempstead is the County seat and is well situated for shipping and exchange of retail markets; has diversified income from agricultural products. Other towns are Brookshire, Waller, and Prairie View, the latter is site of Prairie View University. (Negro sanior college)

The principle crops the Negro farmers planted and depended upon this year were watermelons, sweetpotatoes, cotton, corn, peanuts and and truck gardens. The poultry industry has expanded to raising turkeys.

Magor problems

For the past five years scarcity of machinery and laborers have been the major problem of farmers in the county.

Farmers are making plans to secure machinery cooperatively where it is possible. They have also planned to work cooperatively in the harvesting of crops during unfavorable weather conditions.

Fammers are planning to grow more grain crops in order to prop duce more livestock.

Visits will be made with demonstrations to various demonstrations to secure the necessary information in order carry out a successful demonstration. Field tours and meetings will be held and publicity of outstanding demonstrations will be made through local news papers throughout the year.

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